DISPOSING OF BUSINESS.

Encampment, G.A.R.

ELEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION, W.R.C.

Address of National President Margaret Ray Wickins-Summary of Reports of Secretary and Treasurer. Strong Pleas for Economy and Retrenchment.

There was a large and representative gathering at 11th National Convention, W.R.C., but the faces of many of the founders of the Order were missing, to the sincere regret of many. Past National Presidents Barker, Fuller, and Kinne were among the absentees, unavoidably detained by physical indisposition.

All the reports were notable for their condensed form and thorough attention to details. The President's address, exclusive of official decisions, nearly all of which have been promulgated, is given almost entire, together with the text of the reports of the National Secretarv and Treasurer.

It is with much gratification that THE NA-TIONAL TRIBUNE notes the recommendation for economy and retrenchment in the National President's address and the National Treasurer's report, as well as the fact that 11th National Convention legislated along the same lines. The effect of all this will be most beneficent upon Department Conventions and their manifest tendency toward ill-advised and ex- any word or change that might conflict, and is travagant legislation.

There is no page so eloquent among all the reports as that which chronicles the story of relief. Old Massachusetts leads off with a total of \$18,581.45; Ohio follows with \$15,085.97; Illinois, with \$8,092.24; California, \$7,902.47; Michigan, \$7,955.31; New York, \$7,567.97; Pennsylvania, \$7,596.87; Kansas, \$6,539.10; Missouri, \$5,993.34; Indiana, \$4,940; Wisconsin, \$4,125.23; Colorado and Wyoming, \$3,-788.95; Nebraska, \$3,990.33; Minnesota, \$8,-374.44; Connecticut, \$3,136.30; New Hampshire, \$2,222.36; Washington and Alaska, \$2,075.91; Potomac, \$1,805.02; Vermont, \$1,-988.17; Maine, \$1,200.21; Maryland, \$1,133.52; Oregon, \$1,134.36; South Dakota, \$910.09; Rhode Island, \$910.82; New Jersey, \$901.22; Kentucky, \$691.28; Louisiana and Mississippi, \$455.70; Montana, \$491.95; West Virginia, \$308.05; Texas, \$83.40; Tennessee, \$33.85. The Provisional Department of New Mexico and the detached Corps of Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indian Territory, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, and Virginia, expended in relief an aggregate of \$1,549.65.

THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE confines its present account to a record of deeds performed and recommendations made. The coming account will record the round of pleasures and proceedings of Convention. Please note the recommendations made and compare them with the report of proceedings to follow, which is the next best thing to attendance upon National Convention. National President Margaret Ray Wickins, after welcoming the delegates to Convention, congratulating them upon the triumphs of the Columbian year, and also upon the fact that peace reigned in every Department, proceeded to a consideration of the work of the year in the following

While the numerical growth of the Order has not been as great possibly as in other years, it has been very gratifying, as will be seen from the Secretary's report, but had there not been so many delinquent and suspended the showing would have been much more creditable; but this does not indicate a failing off in interest, since it is largely due to the absence from home of so many of the officers in this the World's Fair year. Again, in the organization of new Corps we cannot hope to count in organization as in the past, for the territory has en pretty well covered, and there is not so large a field from which to garner. The number of Corps | a receipt in full for the amount. The statement of organized as reported by the National Instituting and Installing Officer is 221, number of charter members 4,750.

The instruction of the 10th National Convention laced the revision of Rules and Regulations, Red Book, Ritual and Service Book for rather instructions to make all conform) in the hands of the National President and Secretary. To this work I gave my personal supervision and care, studying the decisions of past National Conventions, comparing well each, that no two decisions might confliet, finding "thus saith decision of National Concention" the supreme power for every step taken. I was not instructed to change, only to make conform. This I have done according to your decision, not according to my opinion. This work was begun as soon as the official decision reached me, which was the stenographer's report. A copy as was received earlier, but while very helpful in the routine work, could not be taken as official decisions. The latter part of February this work was completed and left my hands, but unavoidable delays occurred, for which no one was to be censured, and the explanation of which cannot be given. I can only say your National President knew the causes and asks you to accept her statement that all was done that could be done under the circumstances. It was found in looking over the blanks that enough were on hand of some that changes had been ordered in to last through the year and longer, and in consideration of the very low state of our finances, and in consultation with members of my Council, it was deemed best not to carry out he instructions of the Convention in revision of

NATIONAL W.B.C. HOME.

Among the first official duties of my year was to be present at the dedication of our National W.R.C. ome, or rather the Ohio Cottage, and, in behalf of our Order, receive this magnificent donation from the Ohio Legislature, through their Construction Committee. It was a proud moment of my administration when this beautiful home, so nicely furnished, was so generously presented, and I tried to express your thanks to them. As I looked into the faces of the dear old ladies there sheltered, and realized the comfortable provision that had been made for them, I could but think of the thousands outside this levely place, soldiers' families, who were not thus comfortably provided for, and wish all might be sheltered here. The maintenance of this Home is a matter that should be seriously considered. It is yours, and upon you devolves the support of its inmates. Its affairs have been most judiciously cared for under the able management of Hannah P. Plimpton and her asof Directors I could but think how little realizawomen to make one dollar do the work of two. the year I have been casting about me for some plan whereby this labor of love might be made easier upon the National, and I am led to in persuading Departments that it is far easier for them, instead of building a W.R.C. Home in their Loyalty. State, that is almost more of a burden than they can carry, to send the widows and the Army Nurses to the National Home; that it is already ours and must be maintained, and give of their money to help support it, and a far less sum from each Department than they can possibly keep a Home in their State will relieve the burden of the National and bountifully care for our deserving needy ones.

WORLD'S FAIR.

Early in the year I visited Chicago, went before the Lady Board of Managers, and completed arrangements for space for our exhibit among the representative organizations of women of the world in the organization room in the Woman's Building, after which I addressed a personal letter to each Permanent and Provisional President and Detached Corps, asking such contributions, either in banners, money, or whatever most pleased them. In response to this, most cordial indorsement of my plans and cheerful compliance with my request has been received. I submitted my plans and purposes to my Council, who gave their sarty co-operation and approval of all my plans. In May I went to Chicago and personally superintended the arranging of our exhibit, and through the contributions of the various Departments and individuals we have an exhibit that attracts attention and praise, and we have been very proud, when asked the aims and objects of our representation, to represent the loyal women of our Nation as the suxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic. No salary has been paid in connection with this exhibit. I have felt the state of our finances would not justify an expenditure in this direction, so all expense necessary to maintain the display has been met from the special fund created by Voluntary contribution known as the World's Fair and, accounted for in the Treasurer's report, and I have personally looked after the work. An invitation was extended to our Order to hold our meeting and represent the Woman's Relief Corps | the same, in the Congress of Women in May. With the consent of the Council the invitation was accepted and the day arranged for with a most pleasing pro- sent to each Corps.

In consideration of the fact that so many of our Order were to visit Chicago during the Summer, and a general supervision of National exhibit at the World's Fair required my presence in the city much of the time, I deemed it advisable to locate our National Headquarters, if possible, in Chicago for the remainder of the year. Through the kindness of the Veteran Protective Association I have been able to procure our National Headquarters in the Averill Building free from any expense to the Order whatever. That this kindness has been fully appreciated by members of our Order has been iemonstrated by the number who have bonored us by paying their respects in calling.

PENSION WORK.

The 10th National Convention placed in the hands of Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer the work for the Army Nurses. She has labored most earnestly in their behalf, and secured legislation or decisions that have been most helpful. Her report gives in detail the work she has done. All this has required heavy correspondence, hours of anxious care and much time, and I hope the Convention will give expression to their appreciation of her work. All expense necessary for this work has been met as voted by 10th National Convention, but no compensation has been given her for her services. In view of the fact that our finances are in a reduced condition, I do not feel warranted in making any recommendation in this direction, but would most respectfully refer the matter to the consideration of the Convention.

Corporal Tanner, at the 19th National Convenon, tendered his services in the prosecution of any Army Nurse claim free. A communication will be read showing the work he has done, and the success that has attended his efforts. thanks of the Convention are due for his work in behalf of these Army Norses.

This, at each Convention, seems to be one of the questions demanding consideration. When presented at the 10th Convention, I begged of you to leave Mr. Stillings with my administration at least, which was done. At the close of my year I have something to say. Mr. Stillings was given our work at the formation of the Order; helped formulate much of our work; did it when he advanced the work with no money to pay bills; has from the infancy of the Order to the present moment furnished what we needed, and said, "Pay for it when you can," In each administration he has taken the same pride and helpfulness that he would if it were the only year the Order had ever known ever would; transferring his loyalty to the new officers as soon as elected, but just as true to every one of the past. Having been so intimately connected with the Order, and through each year knowing every change, his worth to each new iministration cannot be estimated. He guards ever ready to lend his help, that his experience makes invaluable. To the Treasurer his help cannot be dispensed with. All books, blanks, rules and regulations are sent direct from his office, he without charge mailing and expressing, thus sav-ing the Order shipment twice. The Journals are all eased, directed, and sent by him. Then, his rinting is better work for the money than any olds that have ever been procured. So, not in Mr. Stillings's interest, but for the good of the Order, hope no change will be made in printing. I have elt it was due the Order that these additional items

of help were known by them.

OHIO MATTERS. The following decision has been given: The 10th National Convention made very plain their decision and proposition in their actions upon the report of the Court of Inquiry in the case of Ada F. Clark, as will be seen in the following resolution, which was formulated and given to Mrs. Barker to present to Mrs. Clark: "Mrs. Ada F. Clark having complied with the financial requirements of the Court and the Rules and Regulations of the Order, the remainder of the sentence is hereby removed. The verdict of the Court has been sustained by this Convention," Mrs. Barker reported to the Convention the acceptance by Mrs. Clark of the conditions, and in consideration of the fact that Mrs. Ada F. Clark accepted the pass-word and entered the Convention, and the Department Treasurer of Onio reorted the money paid. The Convention consid ered the terms accepted. In view of the fact (as shown by minutes of the 10th annual Convention of Ohio, also report of Assistant National Inspector of Ohio) that Mrs. Ada F. Clark states that she did not accept the conditions, nor comply with the requirements of the Convention, she being the only person who can say whether she did or did not upon her own position in the case, I declare her in the same relation as before the proposition was made, that of a suspended member, as defined in the report of the Court of Inquiry presented to the 10th annual Convention. This matter, with proofs in the case, reached me at such a late date that I have deemed it best, in view of the fact that it is a case that has been carried over from last year, to refer this decision for action direct to the 10th National Convention, that there may be a final settlement of this matter, and not be continued through another administration.

This I consider one of the most important questions to be considered at this Convention. Our finances are not what they should be, however strict economy we use; the expenses are great, One-half of all our per capita tax goes to the support of our Army Nurse Home, the other half goes to pay our printing, furnish books, blanks, rituals, journals, etc. The only remaining revenue from which to pay salaries and all other running expenses is the profit on supplies. Your officers may economize all that they may, but when you vote expense after expense without looking the ground over, the Order at large must feel the depression, For instance, it was perhaps a very nice thing, and a courteous thing to do, to vote the expense of our luncheon last year, but it was just what we, as an Order, were not able to do; while our own vote would have held us responsible for \$2,000, we have been able to settle it for \$500, and the Treasurer holds our financial condition given at Conventions, it must be understood, is based upon the June 30 reports, and does not give the condition of things when you receive the report; hence, many times, delegates feel if that is our condition we can vote this, and so when, did they remember the expenditures since June 30 are to be deducted, they would vote otherwise. I hope this matter will receive your most careful considera-

IN CONCLUSION.

After a summary of official decisions and well-expressed thanks to Commander-in-Chief Weissert, the National Secretary, National Treasurer, and other W.R.C. officers; to the Department of Kansas, G.A.R. and W.R.C., the Past National Secretary remembered them | and the Department of Illinois for assistance and support; to Phil Kearny Post, of Richmond, for a valuable case of war relies; to the Veteran Protective Association, Chicago, for National Headquarters at the World's Fair, free of expense; to Sabetha Post and Corps, Sabetha, Kau., for National Headquarters, free of cost, the National President closed her address, as

To the city of my birth (Indianapolis) I come to close my administration as National President upon my 59th anniversary in this Columbian year. I have looked forward to this Convention with no small degree of pleasure, as so few National Presidents, if any, have been given the privilege of celebrating their birthdays, in their birthplaces, at the lose of their official terms. In this city my childhood days were spent, my first efforts in public work were put forth. Here was inculcated in my earliest education a profound disgust for American slavery, and my first lessons in patriotism. I now hail, with pride, from Kansas. During Fremont's campaign, in this city, I represented in a ship of State in the parade, Kansas tseeking admission into the Union. So, as an Indiana girl, I feel a dearer tie, a warmer comradeship, if you please, and I desire to express my thanks for your most cordial reception and thoughtful preparation for our pleasure and comfort.

To the entire membership of our Order for their uniform kindness and consideration that has been given me. The latter part of my year I have not en able to give my best efforts to my work; a divided mind and heart has been mine at times; the death angel has hovered over my loved ones, and very dark shadows have gathered round me, but in all the weight of anxious watching, and sistants. As I sat in the deliberations of the Board | presence of surroundings, I have felt the strong arms of sympathy surrounding me, and your loving tion throughout the Order there was of the plan- sisterly missives coming from North and South, ning and devising it required by those earnest | East and West, have made my burdens lighter, caused me to realize the blessed fraternity of our One-Laif of all the per capita tax received by the Order. Accept my thanks, And now as I near the By one-half per capita tax National Treasurer goes to the support of this closing hours of my administration, feeling soon Home and just barely covers the expenses now, their ties will be severed, I can only say I have endeavored to serve you to the best of my ability if there have been errors and mistakes, they have been of the head and not of the heart; whatever of believe that the only way is to lend our influence good may have been accomplished, accept, in the spirit it has been given, in Fraternity, Charity, and

BECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That members of the National W.R.C. Home Board, by virtue of their elective position and office held for five years, be made voting members of the National Convention. 2. That Secretary and Matron of the W.R.C. Home Board be given a vote in National Conven-

3. Treasurer be made ex-officio member of the Home Board. 4. That in consideration of the great expense in printing such voluminous minutes, their size be re-

duced, and that only the official proceedings and reports of officers be included in the printed minutes, unless by vote of Convention. 5. That Corps pay expense on printed proceedings of National Convention sent them instead of

6. That the National Convention cancel the indebtedness of the Department of Tennessee, as requested by the Department Commander, G.A.R., 7. In view of the advantages to be derived from united strength, and in order that our grand Order may receive the recognition that is due it with

other organizations of woman, that the National Woman's Relief Corps join the National Council of Women. 8. In view of the many duties pressing upon the National President and Secretary at the beginning of their administration, would recommend that all revisions authorized by National Convention be made by the retiring National President and Secre-

tary at same time they are preparing proceedings of Convention, not later than 60 days after Conven-9. As a number of delinquent Corps are still holding their supplies, through this year as well as last, and National officers are unable to secure them by correspondence, that the Convention instruct the incoming officers in regard to procuring

10. That, in order to reduce the expense of printing, but one copy of Proceedings of Convention be gram, and were honored with the presence of two of our Past National Presidents, Mrs. Kate B. Sher-Respectfully submitted in Friendship, Charity,

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY. The report of National Secretary Flora Preston Hogbin showed that for the year ending June 30, 1892, the National Association embraced 29 Departments, six Provisional Departments and 35 Detached Corps. The report

During the year charters have been issued to the four Departments: Louisiana and Mississippi, Montana, Oklahoma, and West Virginia. Charters to Detached Corps have been issued as follows: Arkansas, 1; Idaho, 1; Indian Territory, 2; North Carolina, 1; Oklahoma, 5; Virginia, 1. Oklahoma having become a Department, and John A. Logan, No. 13, of Department of Potomac, having by their own request been remanded to Detached Corps of Virginia, the consolidated report for June 30 shows 34 Departments, one Provisional Department and 43 Detached Corps.

Arkansas has been greatly discouraged by the absence and removal of some of the workers who have kept the Provisional Department alive amid nost uncongenial surroundings. No reports being obtainable last April, in General Orders, No. 8, the Department was remanded to Detached Corps. Of the five Corps once in this Department, not one seems to have survived the adverse conditions. A new Corps has recently been organized, and it is hoped that these apparently-dead Corps may be only suffering from suspended animation, and that Rowan Mack, No. 6, may be helpful in their resuscitation. The latter is the only Corps, so far as I am aware, of Indian women.

Again the number of delinquents is the subject of anxious solicitude not only at Department but National Headquarters. The number is especially large this year because of the unusual attractions offered the Summer tourist; and the greater part of our Corps officers seem to be absent from home just when reports are due at Headquarters. No doubt the next quarter's showing will give a truer idea of what our membership really is, for it must be borne in mind that the majority of these denquent members are really in good standing in heir own Corps, but cannot be so credited because of the non-report of Corps officers.

Then follow tabulated reports for the year beginning June 30, 1892, and ending June 30, 1893, of W.R.C. membership and of relief expenditures, of which the following is a

RECAPITULATION. Members in good standing June, 1893....... 102,890 Gained by initiation 19,210 Gained by transfer 1,390 Gained by reinstate-.....15,650 ment..... Total gain..... Aggregate..... 972 Lost by death..... Lost by honorable discharge 3,738 Lost by transfer 2 836 Lost by suspension...... 14,158 Lost by delinquent re-

......11,733 ports Lost by dishonorable discharge...... Total loss. Members in good standing June 30, 1893..... 105,659 Members delinquent, suspended, trans-28,727 ferred..... Total membership...... 134,386 Membership June 30. 130,065 1892. ...

Net gain in membership during the year .. No. of Corps reporting June 30, 1893..... 2,686 No. of Corps reporting June 30, 1892...... 2,673 Net gain of Corps reportig during the year... No. of Corps delinquent. No. of Corps reporting. 2,686 Total No. of Corps June

Total No. of Corps June 3,014 2,973 30, 1892 . Net gain in Corps dur-241 ing the year. Amount expended in \$58,620 37 Amount turned over to 34,406 39 Amount expended for Memorial Day 14,331 36 Amount expended for W.R.C. Home 4,608 45 Amount distributed to Army Nurses (not in Home).... 353 00 Amount expended in 605 66 pension work

\$112,925 23 Amount of relief other than money 41,505 89 Total amount expenditures for the year \$154,431 12 Total amount of relief since organization to June 30, 1892..... 688,498 87 Total since organization

Total cash expenditures

to June 30, 1893..... \$842,929 99 The National Secretary closed her report with thanks to the National President, National Treasurer, and officers of Department, an appeal for more faithful devotion in the future than in the past to the Grand Army of the Republic, and the following recommendations: 1. Owing to the fact that inexperience in dealing with the details of office frequently leads to difficulty in reconciling discrepancies between the reports of retiring and the newly-elected officers in Departments, and it is impossible from the form sent the National Secretary for her to locate the inaccuracy, that Department Secretaries and Treasurers send with their last report before retiring from office a detailed report of the condition of the Corps and membership, for filing with the National

representatives to National Convention receive National General Orders from their respective Department Headquarters. NATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

2. That outgoing and incoming and permanent

National Treasurer Asmilla A. Cheney reported as follows for the year ending June 30,

ACCOUNT CURRENT. ARMILLA A. CHENEY, National Treasurer, in account with the Woman's Relief Corps. Cash on hand as per last report, General Fund ... \$3,295 25 Received for per capita tax, first quarter. Received for per capita tax, second quarter ... 2,174 22 Received for per capita tax, third 2,228 65 Received for per capita tax, fourth quarter. 2,232 85 Received from sale supplies first \$1,603 91 Miscelinocous supplies..... 23 60 Received from sale supplies second quarter..... 1,940 62 Miscelianeous supplies 16 50 Received from sale supplies third quarter Miscellaneous supplies .. Received from sale supplies fourth quarter 5,271 28 Miscellaneous supplies 65 00 -- 12,553 15 Received from Mechanics Bank, interest on deposits Total receipts \$24,761 85 By expenditures, first quarter 3,304 62 second " ... 3,519 07 third " ... 4,338 58 ** 8,502 01 fourth Total expenditures......\$19,664 28 (8,769.38) for year ending June 30, 1893, transferred to National W.R.C. Home Fund. Balance General Fund to new account......

-\$24,048 97 National W.R.C. Home Fund....... 1,328 87 Land Fund.1,161 85 Andersonville Prison Property Jensie Wells Fund ... 159 78 World's Fair Exhibit Fund....... 123 30 Total cash in all funds ... GENERAL SUMMARY.

After tabulated statement of receipts and expenditures, and a statement, in detail, of each fund enumerated the National Treasurer concludes her report as follows: In reviewing the finances of the year, and comparing them with those of previous ones, the foi- Bach and W. W. Dudley, of Indiana. Moses J.

owing facts are presented for the careful consideration of this Convention: For the year ending June 30, 1890, the sale of supies amounted to \$18,516.29; for the year 1891, \$17,798.44; the year 1892, \$16,108.16, and 1893, \$12,-553.15; a decrease of \$5,993.14 between the years

While the per capita tax shows a decided increase, t falls short by nearly 50 per cent, of equaling the decrease in sale of supplies for the same period. Estimating the expenditures, not including cash paid for regular supplies, it is found the expenses for the year ending in 1890 were \$5,818.56, while the same for the past year have been \$9,408.37, an increase of \$3,589.81. These facts, with the much-decreased balance in General Fund of from \$3,295.25 for 1892 to \$712.88, or, in other words, an expenditure during the year of over \$2,500 more than actual receipts, clearly demonstrate the necessity of materially curtailing expenses for the coming year, or our National organization, which has been so proud of its financial record in the past, will find itself

bankrupt ere its close.

With this statement before you, I carnestly entreat this Convention to bear in mind that strict economy must be used in all its legislations. Weigh earefully every expenditure you incur; heed well every recommendation that has for its object the reduction of expenses not absolutely necessary. It is not alone the large amounts voted from the treasury that reduces the funds, but the littles here and there that fast swell the aggregate. As other officers will make special mention of other funds, comments of mine are unnecessary. of the Little Big Horn in June, '76.

At the next session, a decision was made on the part of the Convention to meet the next

The principal business which came up for settlement was the report of the Committee on the President's address. The Committee recommended to discontinue the sum of \$30 a month to Mrs. Wittenmyer for the purpose of continuing the Army Nurse pension business, declaring that there was no longer necessity

Considerable discussion was called out on the clause relating to the Woman's Relief Corps joining the National Council of Women, or Federation of Clubs. Mrs. Emma Wallace, Department President of Illinois, Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood and Mrs. Wickins all championed the idea in strong, earnest words. They thought they saw in this movement a plan to lift the W.R.C. to a yet higher plane. Mrs. E. A. Turner, of Boston, spoke eloquently against it, and had many supporters, but the Convention and Committee sustained the President, with a slight amendment.

The Ada F. Clark affair, of Ohio, came up again. The Committee had sustained the President and the Convention did the same; which action, of course, suspended Mrs. Clark. Mrs. Clark made a prodigious effort to open up the case. Out of every point she was met by a chevaux-de-frise of parliamentary points, which Mrs. Wickins presented in rapid succession. Mrs. Clark recognized the futility of her effort and gave up the struggle. In broken tones she bade the Convention good-by and Godspeed, and left the hall under ban of suspension for three years.

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION. At the afternoon session the Convention proceeded to the election of officers. Only one name was presented to the Convention for National President, that of Mrs. Sarah C. Mink, of New York, nominated by Mrs. Wittenmyer. The nomination was made unanimous, and Mrs. Mink was declared elected. She was escorted to the platform, and made a happy speech of acceptance. The rest of the officers chosen were: Na-

ior-Vice President, Jennie Myerhoff; National Junior-Vice President, Amanda T. Newcomb; National Treasurer, Armilla A. Cheney; National Chaplain, Harriet J. Bodge; National | body. Inspector, Mary E. Bancroft. Executive Board-National Councilor, Mrs. Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, Flo Jamison Miller,

tional President, Sarah C. Mink; National Sen-

Gertrude Norr Connell, Laura S. Dodge, Amanda L. Murdock, Mary E. Wright. Home Board-Emma B. Lowd, Margaret Ray

TO Y W

SONS OF VETERANS.

They Gave a Creditable Street Parade, with

formed in Tennessee street near the State House.

It was headed by a juvenile drum corps from

Prairietown. Commander Newton McGuire, of

Rising Sun, was accompanied by his staff, com-

posed of Senior Vice Commander G. P. New-

G. W. Kreitenstein, of Terre Haute, and Mus-

The escort consisted of 17 men from the

The route followed was from the State House,

east on Market street to Pennsylvania, north

to the Second Presbyterian Church, return on

Pennsylvania to Market, east to Tomlinson

of Veterans, and at Tomlinson Hall Depart-

cheer to the boys on behalf of the G.A.R.

ment Commander Johnston spoke words of

Maimed Soldiers' League.

the District Courtroom, held a meeting for the

purpose of giving instructions to maimed sol-

in the late rebellion are allowed to become

Sec., A. G. Rapp. Legislative Committee, Hon.

Francis A. Osbourn, of Pennsylvania; Franklin

McLain, of Indianapolls, was the presiding offi-

A visit to this spot, which is now a National

years ago, Gen. Custer and five companies of

dians and allied tribes under Sitting Bull. The

battlefield, the Valley of the Little Big Horn,

located some 40-odd miles south of Custer,

Montana, a station on the Northern Pacific

Railroad, can be easily reached by stage. If

you will write Charles S. Fee, St. Paul, Minn.,

inclosing four cents in postage, he will send you

count of the sad catastrophe which overtook

the brave Custer and his followers in the Valley

a handsomely-illustrated 100-page book, free of by the c charge, in which you will find a graphic ac-

CUSTER'S

LAST

BATTLE-

and men, were cut to pieces by the Sioux In- | tense interest.

FIELD

cer of the meeting.

Gresham Rifles, commanded by Lieuts. Russell

tering Officer E. E. Sonnadstine, of Frankfort.

THE Sons of Veterans

had their day on Wed-

nesday. They had ex-

pected to march in the

great parade of Tues-

day, but were disap-

pointed. Nearly 1,000

members of the organ-

ization responded to

the call of Division

Commander Newton

weeks ago to Camps

throughout the State.

Only one-fourth of

the number in the city, †

however, were in the

parade. The line

Church they were received by the Daughters | Buell, Thomas and Sherman.

The Maimed Soldiers' League, quartered in enthusiastic attention of the comrades.

diers who have not yet met the new officers of of him that "he was the Philip Sidney of our

the League. All soldiers who lost legs or arms | war. You remember how he held his army in

members of the organization. The officers of the in tenacity, what Frederick was in bravery,

League are: Pres., J. R. Martindale; Treas., and what Washington was in purity of pur-J. H. R. Storey; Sec., Dr. James McGee; Cor. pose, all this was Thomas." Capt. Jack Craw-

Cemetery, is extremely interesting. Here, 17 | and compelled a pause in the proceedings.

the 7th U. S. Cav., numbering over 200, officers | the comrade President were received with in-

McGuire, issued a few |

Over One Thousand in Line.

FILL VETERANDRUM

and Williams.

THE PRIDE OF INDIANAPOLIS.

man, of Hammond; Junior Vice Commander | dent Harrison, and closed with a brilliant pero-

good humor.

cences of the war.

and Stripes aloft.

prolonged and hearty.

ration on the "old flag,"

the audience would not allow him to leave the

Campfire to get "rations" (the Captain having

just arrived and had not had his supper) until

he had given his version of "Marching Thro'

Georgia." This put the Camp in excellent

Past Commander R. B. Beath followed with

a short address, which bristled with reminis-

A song, "The Flag," by Messrs. Millison and

Race was one of the hits of the evening, stirring

the old comrades up to such a point that at

its conclusion they broke out with cheer upon

cheer for "Old Glory," while in several in-

The poem, "Bugle Call," by Miss Potter.

with bugle accompaniment, was well received.

"Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," as ren-

dered by the Ketcham Quartet, created great

The entertainment came to a close after a

short address by Private Dalzell, of Ohio, who

was spied in the audience by President Foster,

tribute to Oliver P. Morton and to ex-Presi-

and pressed into service. He paid a glowing

ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND.

A Speech by Gen. Harrison One of the

Features of an Enthusiastic Meeting.

sembly of the Army of the Cumberland at the

Sidelia Starr, of Greencastle, and Miss Pearl

Bean, with songs and recitations, occupied the

Maj. Ostrander then spoke of the pride of the

Cumberland Army, "Pap" Thomas. He said

the battle of Nashville. What Wellington was

ford was then called upon. He recited his

poem entitled "The Veteran and His Grand-

Ex-President Harrison then entered, and was

received with loud and prolonged cheers. Hats

and handkerchiefs were waved in a way seldom

In the interval of a few minutes were musi-

Race and Millison, and a rendering of the "Star

Spangled Banner" on the pipe organ by the

organist, Mr. Henson, and a recitation by Miss

As Gen. Harrison rose to begin his address

the audience again broke forth into applause

The kind, sympathetic and soldierly words of

Chaplain Lozier, the "fighting parson," en-

tertained the audience for a half hour or so.

He proposed the singing of old "John Brown,"

and made a little pause after all the other

verses before he sang the one about the sour

apple tree, with an apologetic, "I had to put

son; or, Why We Wear the Badge."

seen in a church.

Daisie C. Tuttle.

Gen. John Coburn took charge of the as-

year in Pittsburg at the time of the National

Rousing Meetings of Various Organizations Over the Old-Time Bill of



VIVIDLY are the scenes of war brought back to the veteran when the Campfire is opened. The blazing fire, the old-time bill of fare, the faces of the now scarred and crippled men who were there at the time, all combine to revive the memory of the most forgetful, and bring back the

stirring scenes and thrilling moments of camp and field. It is then that the comrade remembers nothing but his companions on the march, in the battle, and in bivouac. Truly, then, if this be the effect of Campfire, they should be kept burning continuously all over the country to ever remind the present and to teach the future generations what it cost to preserve the Union.

ARMY OF THE JAMES.

A Great Meeting Which was One of the Features of the Encampment.

The Campfire of the Army of the James was held in the First Baptist Church. Gen. R. S. Foster presided over the gathering. He welcomed the joint organizations to the city. After reading a roster of the officers of the Army of the James he related some war history in connection with the movements of that

Emma Clinton electrified the andience by a recitation, excellently rendered for a girl of her tender years. Miss Sadie Walker sang 'The Marseilles Hymn." The recitation entitled "The Veteran and Grandson, or Why We Wear the Badge," by the Poet Scout, Capt. Jack Crawford, called forth prolonged applause, and

be pinned on the breast of his coffin, added a original poem. tenderness and manly nobility that is always the underlying vein of all the Campfires of the boys in blue.

A MONSTER GATHERING.

Tomlinson Hall the Scene of a Campfire at which Many Notables were Present. Hundreds were turned away from the Campfire at Tomlinson Hall on Wednesday night. The audience was for the most part composed of men, and Commander Fairchild said in the course of his remarks that he never saw so many baldheads assembled before in his life. The stage was comfortably filled with people. Ex-President Harrison was there as master of ceremonies, and behind and to the right of him sat Gov. McKinley, of Ohio. To the right of the latter sat ex-Secretary Noble, and to the left ex-Congressman H. L. Morey and Gen. Charles H. Grosvenor, of Ohio. Gen. Green B. Raum, ex-Commissioner of Pensions, had a position behind the ex-President. Near by sat also Hon, Jeremiah Rusk, ex-Secretary of Agriculture; Gen. Lucius Fairchild, Past Commander of the G.A.R.; Bernard Kelly, United States Pension Agent at Topeka, Kan., and Gen. John H. Duvall, of West Virginia, who commanded the division during the war of which the late ex-President Hayes commanded a brigade.

When ex-President Harrison made his appearance on the stage he was given a hearty welcome of cheers from the whole andience. Gen. Harrison made a short introductory speech, and presented Gen. Rusk, after a song by the Glee Club and a recitation.

The ex-Secretary told a little anecdote that set the ball rolling, and ended by blessing every one of the veterans, declaring that they will forever live in the hearts of the American peo-

J. J. Phelps, of Michigan, entertained the audience with war reminiscences, and gave a thrilling account of the battle of Lookout Mountain.

Maj. R. H. Hendershott aroused the enthusi-

asm of the veterans by a display of his skill on the drum. Mrs. Cooper, in behalf of the W.R.C., presented him with a badge.

Several songs and recitations were given, and attempts were made to carry out the printed program. Miss McManis gave a whistling solo, Mrs. Walker sang, and Miss Daisy Tuttle and Mrs. Pearl Patterson Bean recited. Calls for McKinley having meantime become loud and numerous, the Governor responded. After telling a story, instancing the devotion of the soldier to his flag, he went on:

There are some things you cannot buy, and patdotism is one of them. Patriotism is above price! And when you entered the service you were moved by that one sentiment, to preserve the best Government in the world, for yourselves and for posterity; and it don't make any difference what happens in the future, it don't make any difference what may be taken from you, your patriotism and loyalty will abide in your hearts for-ever. You love the old flag, and you would serve your country and you would fight for both if there was no such thing as a pension ever issued by the Government, [Great applause.] Nobody wants an unworthy soldier to be on the pension-Nobody rolls of the Government [cries of "That's so"] and my old comrades would be the first to take them off the roll of honor. But when they have once been put on, they should stay there until the Government, by conclusive proof, convicts the pen-sioner of fraud. [Applause and cries of "That's it; that's right."] As Gen. Harrison so well said and received \$847,552.45 in pensions. Maryvesterday, the presumption should be in favor of a land, Delaware, and the District of Columbia [Great applause.] All I-insist upon is this: That is, if the old soldier is to be taken off the roll, before he is taken off he should be permitted to confront his accuser. [Cries of "That's fair."] The worst criminal in this country has the right to meet his accuser. I want the old veteran to have a chance.

Past Commander-in-Chief Fairchild came forward after repeated calls, and indorsed what Gen. Rusk had said, and added a few more eloquent remarks concerning the rights of the veterans to have justice shown them in the matter of pensions.

Bugler Leon Wiley gave all the bugle calls, and was heartily applauded. Music and recitations followed, and then the Campfire broke up

ANOTHER LARGE CAMPFIRE.

with three cheers for Harrison and McKinley.

Lew Wallace Presides Over the Program Rendered at Masonic Hall.

Masonic Hall presented a spirited scene Wednesday night. From the great central chandelier loops of bunting fell to the four corners. The blue banner and heavy festoons of flags arranged about the walls made a dark relief to the predominant gray and white in the audience.

Gen. Lew Wallace opened the Campfire in a few welcoming words, and then a recitation by Miss Genevieve Carpenter gave place to a speech by Charles W. Buckley, of Alabama. 'No man has a right to drop a single name from the pension-roll without due process of law!" exclaimed the speaker, and he was heartily applauded.

Rev. Myron Reed, the popular Denver comrade, was introduced after several selections by the Bald Headed Club. In part he said:

There is something like \$200,000,000 going for pensions—suppose it were \$400,000,000? What becomes of this pension money? Why, it goes into the little villages, and the pensioner receives it, and from his little \$12 a month the grocer, the butcher are paid, and it goes to strengthen the little home. Of all the money that is put into the pensions of this Government, not one dollar gets away; it is all in the country, and the country is just as rich as ever.

James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet, told in dialect verse the pathetic story of him who said "Good-by, Jim; take keer of yourself." There were many tears in the eyes of that vast audience when he finished. He was recalled, and related the funny story of the man who didn't know he was dead,

A soug by Millison and Race, a snatch of band music, a narrative poem by W. W. Hawkins, an impromptu little speech by Gen. W. F.Conley, of Denver; a narrative description of the battle of Lookout Mountain by Miss Anna Loy May, and a recitation by E. W. Douglass, stances veterans stood up and waved the Stars followed in rapid succession to the delight of the listeners, and then Rear-Admiral B. S. Osbon, of New York, spoke in culogium of the Jack-tar, and explained why he was often misunderstood. Gradually the embers of the Campfire smouldered, at last the lights were enthusiasm, and the applause at its close was put out in Masonic Hall, and another great event of the Encampment had passed.

> TALKING AND SINGING. Smaller Gatherings at which the Veterans had a Good Time.

The Persimmon Brigade held a Campfire at Ruckle Post Hall, and the following program was given: Song, by Brigade Glee Club; Speech, by Comrade ex-Gov. Thomas Hanna, 115th Ind.; Song, by the Glee Club; Speech, by Chap. Nugent, 116th Ind.; Song, by the Glee Club; Speech, by Col. S. D. Sayles, 117th Ind.; Solo, Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," by R. Russell Buchanan; Song, by the Glee Club; Hall, and return on Market to the State House. Meridian Street Methodist Church on Monday. | Speech, by Maj. H. B. Sayler, 118th Ind.; Piano The line halted at the First Baptist Church, ! He gave an eloquent account of the war record | Solo, "Dance of the Demons," by Miss Wirt; where the company was received by the Ladies' of this portion of the great Union armies. He Reminiscences, by comrades; Song, "God be Aid Society. At the Second Presbyterian | spoke of its gallant Generals, with praise for | with You till We Meet Again," by audience.

The 11th Ohio held a Campfire at the home After his address a program was carried out of Henry C. Roney, 75 persons being present. by the young friends of the Grand Army. Miss | A program of speeches, recitations and music Bertie Weddell, the Ketchum Quartet, Miss | rendered, and refreshments were served.

> Army of the Tennessee. The Army of the Tennessee held its Campfire at the First Presbyterian Church. Augustin Boice, who had the Campfire in charge, called the meeting to order. Col. Samuel Mc-

an address. John Morris Butler then sang a bass solo, which was very much appreciated. Fy this time the audience had grown somewhat larger, and the new arrivals came just in time to hear the noted poet scout, Capt. J. W. Crawford.

Kee, of Kentucky, was called upon to deliver

Army of the Ohio. About 100 people were present at the Campfire of the veterans of the Army of the Ohio, which was held in the Meridian Street M. E. cal numbers by Miss Helen Walker, Messrs. | Church. Maj. Leo Rasher, Blair Post, 1, was

> Maj. Church was introduced. Touching upon the pension question, he spoke highly of Senator Voorhees, who, he said, was a true friend of the old soldier, and had done as much to secure pensions for worthy veterans of Indiana as any man in Washington.

made Chairman.

The evening was filled out with songs and recitations. Brief addresses were also made. The First Corps.

The Campfire of the First Corps at the First

Baptist Church failed to carry out the program that had been arranged for the occasion, as several prominent speakers failed to appear. it in, boys." The finale chorus was joined in A prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. J. A. by the comrades till the church rang with their Rondthaler. Miss Helen Walker sang "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," and Miss Mayne The song, "Gen, Grant's Last Request," Roberts recited Ingersoll's "The Past Rises Be- mission to the Fair, etc. Don't miss it ! Ask closed the program. The Chaplain's story of fore Me Like a Dream." Comrade Cooper, of for informatific & O. R. R. office, or write how the General had made his dying request | Michigan, told of the dark days of war, and Day . T. P. A., Baltimore, Md.

that the old battered badge of the G.A.R. should Rev. G. L. Spinning, of New York, recited an

IMPROMPTU CAMPFIRES.

How the Crowds About the Monument Disported Themselves,

The impromptu Campfires about the monument were the scenes of much amusement and enthusiasm, with a drygoods-box as a platform and a witty Irishman as master of ceremonies. No better chance could be afforded to witness the natural oratorical powers and efforts of the veterans than at that place. No one waited for an introduction or invitation; it was all informal in the truest sense of the word. A comrade amused his hearers by singing a parody on "Hoke Smith."

A colored man was next exposed to view on the box, and said he served in the 54th Mass., and sang a song entitled "God will save Amerikee, the Land of Liberty." The crowd seemed to go wild with enthusiasm over his song, and he then favored them with "John Brown's body is 'decading' in the ground," with the request that the audience join in the chorus, which was done.

An anecdote was told where Patsy Dermot was carrying a wounded man over his shoulder from the battlefield, and a stray piece of shell tore his head off without Patsy's knowledge, and on meeting his Major he was asked what he was carrying a dead man with his head off for, to which Patsy replied that the fellow had lied to him, for he told him it was his foot.

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR.

The President Denounces the Manner in which They Have Been Treated.



ment.

When Marion T. Anderson, the President, called the National Association of Ex-Prisouers of War together in the United States Circuit Court-room there was an unusually large attendance. The whole of the

morning session was taken up with the re. ports of officers. In his address the President spoke largely on the pension question, of the injustice done the survivors, and "the false promises of the Govern-

"It is claimed by many Southern Democrast, and not a few Northern ones," said he, "that the South is taxed to pay pensions to the pensioners of the North. The figures in the Corporal's note-book tell a different story. As he has figured it out, the Southern States are greatly benefited by the pension system. Texas paid to the Government last year \$606,375 of internal revenue taxes and received in pensions \$905,230. South Carolina paid \$71,812 revenue taxes and received \$171,129 in pensions. Tennessee contributed \$1,278,862 and drew out in pensions \$2,344,508. Alabama's revenue taxes were \$106,711; her pension receipts were \$400,-729. Arkansas paid \$95,718.86 revenue taxes and received in pensions \$1,470,901.77. West Virginia's revenue tax was \$807,588.36, and the State was paid in pensions \$2,158,703.12. Louisiana and Mississippi together paid \$734,832.29

paid \$3,288,873.77 in internal revenue taxes and received in pensions \$4,220,890.13. "The Southern pensions are paid largely to veterans of the Mexican war; and it is shown by the above that the South receives more in pensions from the Federal Government every year than she pays to it in taxes by over \$6,000,000 annually."

The report of Secretary Williams showed receipts from all sources, \$213.50; expenses, \$107.40; balance in Treasurer's hands, \$106.10. He reported the finances of the Association in a flourishing condition. At the afternoon session the Association

elected as officers: Pres., Charles G. Davis, Boston, Mass.; V.-P., George W. Grant; Chap., John S. Ferguson; Historian, O. R. McNary, Leavenworth, Kan.

THE NAVAL VETERANS.

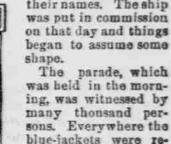
The Jolly Tars Enjoyed Themselves at the

National Encampment.

U.S. NAVY.

The Reunion of Naval Veterans began on

Sept. 2, and continued as long as the Encampment. Upon arriving at the station the men were all obliged to report their arrival at the Kearsarge and register their names. The ship



blue-jackets were received with cheers. The annual Convention was convened Sept. 4 in Turner's Hall. The address of the commanding officer was

full of the spirit of enthusiasm, and evidenced a belief in the future growth and good of the association. The new officers are: Rear-Admiral Com-

manding, B. S. Osbon, Hartford, Conn.; Commodore, Cyrus Sears; Capt., R. N. Hopkins; Com., C. H. Lenman; Lieut.-Com., Samuel V. Dixon; Lieut., Benjamin D. Blanchard; Surg., C. Marion Ladson; Paymaster, E. F. Dustin; Eug., John B. Mirth; Chap., Samuel Alman. On board the Kearsarge everything was kept in perfect ship-shape. On Sunday, according to General Orders, No. 1, issued by Admiral Osbon, the men assembled on deck at 10 a. m. to attend divine services at the tabernacle. After the services the men marched around the chancel-rail and shook hands with the pastor and ex-President Harrison, who was present. The relies on board the ship which belonged to the original Kearsarge were the wheel, capstau, gangway panels, which show marks of the shells which struck her. The "scuttlebut,"

foremast, was also on board. DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

which is a wooden vessel generally abaft of the

Encouraging Growth of the Order, and a Large Attendance. THE Daughters of



Veterans held their fourth annual Convention on Tuesday and the day after, the President, Miss Nellie King, presiding. Greetings were received from and sent to the other Conventions in the city. Speeches were made

by Comrade B. S. Osbon, W. E. Gould, B. D. Blanchard, and George Bostwick. The Constitution as revised by the Council was read and adopted. At the next day's meeting there were several

named for the offices to be filled. When the vote was taken the result was, Pres., Miss Nellie King, of Massillon, O.; S.-V. Pres., Miss Swiss Elliott, of Omaha; J.-V. Pres., Miss Anna Schmid, of St. Louis; Chaplain, Miss May Stringham, of Binghamton, N. Y.; Treas., Miss Ida J. Allen, of Newtonville, Mass.; Ins., Miss Addie York, of Somerville, Mass.; Mustering Officer, Mrs. Nellie Blair, of Lincoln, Neb. Council, Miss Minnie Trescott, of Ohio; Miss Evelyn Monroe, of Worcester, Mass.; Mrs. Beulah Davis, of Lincoln, Neb.; Mrs. Cora E. Reed, of Boston; Mrs. Ellen Walker, of Worcester. The members feel much encouraged over the growth of the Order and the attendance.

I. O. O. F.

Odd Fellows Day at the World's Fair. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad will run . special coach excursion train to Chicago on Thursday, Sept. 21, and all Odd Fellows, their

families and friends are invited to accompany the Baltimore delegation on this train. The Grand Demonstration will commence on Monday, Sept. 25, and continue during the week. This is an opportunity for all to visit the Fair. By going on the 21st you will have been rested and located, ready to witness the largest demonstration ever held by the Order. Tickets will be sold at the low figure of \$17.00, good for ten days. The special train will leave Baltimore 9:30 a. m., Washington 10:25 a. m., arriving in Chicago 1:15 next afternoon. This will give you nine full days at the World's Fair, and leave Saturday, Sept. 30th, arriving in Baltimore Sunday afternoon, ready for business on Monday. The whole trip can be made for \$35.00, including railroad fare and board, ad-